

of the same things, and there can be no necessity for secrecy in the prosecution of honorable purposes.

But there are evils resulting from such associations which ought not to be overlooked. In a republican government the basis of our security is public confidence. Whatever strikes at public confidence, strikes at republicanism. When the whig party beats the democratic party upon an issue made public, the defeated party gives up the contest as honorably settled. In turn he openly gains for his own party an equal triumph, and the opposition acquiesces in their overthrow. It was done openly; they saw how it was done, and are satisfied.

But in the success of secret political societies public confidence is undermined; it gives way; a reign of terror commences; another secret organization, known-some-thing, is organized; and they too, may triumph, and the dismayed know-nothings, may not so tamely submit. They in re-venge apply the munitions of secret warfare. Long before the charter was granted to any of these organizations, midnight was deemed an auspicious time for secret depredations, and no more powerful means than the spark of fire, or the simple modern invention appropriately called lucifer matches, would be needed to assist in secret resistance to the superior trick of the victorious party.

No less sacred a citadel than the temple of worship and family alter will be lighted up and illumine the earth with their fires. Aye, sir, already has this infernal work begun under the auspices of this modern institution of reform—already have Catholic churches been burned to the ground or battered down by the hands of the lawless, irresponsible mob, patronized by those graceless demagogues who would reform the world and maintain the super-excellent character of Christian gentlemen, whilst they use for enormous crimes munitions heated by mad fanaticism, the worst and basest of the whole family of man.

Where is the church-burning to end under the auspices of such an extended, and powerful, and sly, and heartless band?—All of your churches may lie in ruins upon the earth. Then may your monasteries and numeraries share the same fate.—By this time church-burning may become fashionable, and the hand long trained to incendiarism may with the same facility try his experiment upon the Methodist churches, which, like Catholic churches, may be devoured by flames. But the dwellings of priests and the houses of Methodist preachers, may endure a similar fate, as they become subject to the overruling mandates of King Mob. Indeed, the forebodings to one accustomed to melancholy feelings are truly frightful. To the sober-minded the fearful results of such organizations promise no less than the overthrow of our free government. It was their secret political reformation which preceded the French revolution, and contributed to the trophies of Marat and Robespierre. The results are plain and natural, and it requires far more of fortitude than wisdom to foresee a nation of Christian republicans giving way to vandalism than she is overcome with a pure barbarism, and seeks protection and pleads for quarters beneath the hospital throne of an absolute despotism. It surely requires no vast stretch of imagination to travel back to the reign of our Catholic and Protestant English Kings and Queens, who have left nothing to posterity but a loathsome memory of their persecutions inflicted upon conscientious men for no other crime than the voluntary worship of the living God. Indeed, sir, the memory of the illustrious Calvin has been soiled by the reflection of persecutions inflicted upon his dissenting contemporaries, Servetus. New England, both the cradle and the grave of true liberty, destroyed the portrait of her Plymouth land by interposing the frightful spectacle of hanging Quakers and Baptists for their opinions; and who that has absolute power has not thus appropriated it? and with a generous forgetfulness these our mutual wrongs and mutual sufferings are consigned to oblivion.

What high-minded, intelligent Catholic or Protestant would see these scenes re-enacted upon the continent of America, though they were regulated by law? Who, in the name of liberty, would seek their introduction by mole violence, under the sacred garb of religion, wearing the sacerdotal robes of the temple of God? There may be wrongs in every ecclesiastical organization. If they conflict with the rights of citizens, the law under our constitution is abundantly able to correct the evil; if they do not conflict with these rights, it remains a question with man and his Master without an intervening power.

There may be a wrong in our laws which is not sufficiently scrutinizing and severe in the prohibition of the emigration of foreign criminals; if that be so, let those laws be amended, and every honorable foreigner will rejoice in the distinction which is made between virtue and vice. That would be a leveling blow indeed, which at one fell stroke struck down the good with the evil, the wise with the foolish, indiscriminately. But such is known nothingism in it inception. God only knows the end, and may He in mercy forefend us the worst:

I am your sincere friend and fellow citizen, bound by the fraternal feelings of a liberal and holy Christianity.

HENRY CLAY DEAN.

To A. P. Gregoire, Esq.

TRIAL OF ONE OF THE WARD JURORS FOR PERJURY.—The regular term of the Harrison (Ky.) Circuit Court is now progressing in Elizabethtown. Thos. M. Yates, one of the infamous jurors who granted the verdict of *not guilty* in the Ward case, is upon trial for perjury. He was indicted by the grand jury, along with several others of his precious confederates.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.
ARRIVAL OF THE NORTH STAR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The steamship North Star, from Aspinwall, arrived at half-past eleven, with California dates to the 16th ult., brought down to Panama by the Golden Gate.

The North Star brings 300 passengers, and \$1,384,000 in gold.

The news from the mines is cheering. The steamship Golden Gate, arrived at San Francisco with New York dates, in 23 days and 10 hours, which is the shortest run on record.

The financial affairs of the State were in the most prosperous condition. The interest on the State bonds due in January, has been forwarded to New York.

The general tone of the trade exhibits but little change since the last steamer.

The closing prices for Gallego and Haxall flour was \$12 75. Adamantine candies have been active and higher, but declined at the close of the week to fifty cents. Butter 18 cents; new lard quiet, 16 17 cents; bacon 15 1/2 hams 16 1/2 to 17.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS IS PERTAINING TO THE THIRD GIFT ENTERPRISE.—It will be seen by reference to an advertisement in our paper of to-day, that the Committee appointed by the shareholders at their last meeting, have issued a call for a final meeting of all interested, to get their instructions in reference to the distribution of the gift property. We are pleased to find the writer of our communication, and hope that Mr. Perham will receive the patronage he so well deserves for the liberality and energy displayed in getting up, and prosecuting this stupendous enterprise. Orders for tickets should be sent in immediately. Persons are in reserve for somebody.

VIEW AND VOTE THIS MONTH.

NEW GOODS.

Second Arrival of Fall and Winter Goods.

AT the cheap Cash store—Just received a large and general assortment of Fall and Winter Goods of almost every description, suitable for the season, at very low prices. Ladies and gentlemen—every person wishing to buy goods at the lowest prices are respectfully invited to call and examine.

Produces of all kinds rendered in exchange for goods.

W. M. POWELL, Sheriff.

December 14, 1854.

DAUCEROTYPES.

M. PURVANCE, DAUCEROTYPEIST, infers the public that he has removed his Miniature Gallery to "Graham's Row," Market St., Clearfield, in the 24 story, immediately opposite "Shaw's Row," where he intends to remain until the 1st of January. He is on hand and is ready to exhibit a variety of comes and fancy dressed statuary for the holiday season.

Remember the place which is also indicated by the sign of the striped flag. Dec. 14, 1854. tf.

Notice is hereby given, To the Coroners, Justices of the Peace, and Constables, and to the said County of Clearfield, to appear in their own proper persons, with their Rols, Records, Inquisitions, Examinations, and other Remembrances, to do those things which to their offices, and in their behalf, pertain to be done, and Juries and Witnesses are requested to be then and there attending, and not to depart without leave of their perjury.

GIVE US under my hand, at Clearfield, this 13th day of Dec., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, and the seventh year of American Independence, WILLIAM POWELL, Sheriff.

EVERY AMERICAN WILL READ IT.

The most intensely exciting book ever written.

THE ARCH-BISHOP, OR ROMANIC IN THE U. S.

One Volume, 12 mo, of about 400 pages, established with numerous beautiful Engravings. Price \$1.

THAT this will be a volume of more than ordinary interest, is attested by the fact that tho' it has only been announced a few weeks, the orders already amount to upwards of 4000 copies. It is a truthful, unvarnished narrative of the plans, doings and designs of the Catholic party in the United States.

The volume presents facts which will stimulate the whole American people, for while we have been resting in fancied security, a formidable system has been at work, and is working now, to undermine our interests. We do not ask you to believe anything but what we prove, and our proof cannot be gainsaid. We leave the old world and former times to themselves, and present scenes, and deeds of crime enacted within the last fifteen years, and in our own land, yet? Is America? which will rouse the whole American people to their danger and duty. These things are set forth in the most forcible manner, and we present them to the American and Protestant world, without fear or reproach.

Orders will be filled in the order in which they are received.

Agents wanted in every County in the U. S.

WM. WHITE SMITH, Publisher,

195 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Nov. 22, 1854.

SOUTHERN MILITARY ACADEMY LOTTERY!!!

(By AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.)

Conducted on the Honors plan.

CLASS II.—To be Drawn on the 20th of Dec.

CAPITALS 1 1 1 1 1 1 \$15,000

" 5,000

" 4,000

" 3,000

" 1,500

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In all, 501 prizes, amounting to \$24,600.

Tickets \$10—Halves and Quarters in proportion.

Every prize drawn at each drawing.

On all solvent Banks taken at par.

All communications strictly confidential.

SAMUEL SWAN, Agent & Manager,

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 20, 1854.—15.

Vainable Real Estate for Sale.

THE subscriber will be exposed to public sale by

the 24th day of December next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the certain House and Lot, situated in Pike in Clearfield County, Pa., adjoining lands of Ruth McCurve, William Adleman, Jr., and others, the lot containing about four acres, having therein a number of thriving fruit trees, with a stable and other outbuildings thereon erected, and being located about 24 miles from Curwensville, on the road leading to Creek Creek, late part of the estate of William Adleman, deceased.

TERMS.—One half cash, and the balance in one year thereafter with interest, to be secured by judgment on the premises.

If it should happen that all the Tickets are sold when the order is received, the money will be returned at our expense for postage.

All orders for tickets should be addressed to JOSEPH PERHAM, 603 Broadway, N.Y.

My fourth enterprise will be advertised as soon as the third one is closed. The tickets are already printed.

Dec. 14, 1854.

MATCHES! MATCHES!!

JOHN DONNELLY, Manufacturer and Investor of Safety Patent Square Upright Wood Box Matches—No. 106 North Fourth Street, (above Rose) Philadelphia.

MATCHES having become an indispensable article in housekeeping, the subscriber after a great series of trials, is enabled to offer to the public an article at once combining Utility and Convenience. The inventor guards the secret of his process, and the subscriber, in which Matches are generally packed in paper, has the aid of New Steam Machinery of his own invention, succeeded in getting up a SAFETY PATENT SQUARE UPRIGHT WOOD BOX.

This box is preferable, inasmuch that it occupies no more room than the old round wood box, and contains at least two hundred per cent more Matches, than Skitters of considerable advantage; it is entirely new, and resists against moisture and spontaneous combustion and dispels all danger on transportation by means of Railroad, Steamboat or any other mode of Conveyance.

These Matches are packed so that one gross or more may be shipped any part of the World with perfect safety. They are the most desirable articles for home consumption, and the Southern and Western Markets that have ever been invented.

SELLERS and SHIPPERS, will do well to call and examine for themselves.

These Matches are WARRANTED to be superior to anything heretofore offered to the public.

JOHN DONNELLY, No. 106 north 4th st., Philadelphia, December 15, 1854.—15.

Estate of James Allipet, Deceased.

LETTERS Testamentary on the estate of Jas. Allipet, late of Morris township, etc., having been granted to the subscriber, all persons having any accounts against the said deceased will please present their claims duly authenticated, and those who know themselves indebted to said estate will make immediate settlement.

JOHN M'PHERSON, attorney for the subscriber, Clearfield Co., Pa.

Kylartown, Dec. 4, 1854.—15.

CLEARFIELD LODGE, No. 198, meets in the second story of the Mansion House, Clearfield, Pa., on Tuesday evening of each week.

MATILDA ALLPORT, Secretary.

Morris township, Nov. 23, 1854.—15.

“The name, Sebastopol,” is a Greek compound, signifying “Holy City.”

The Clearfield Academy

A T 4 meeting of the Board of Trustees, August 24th, 1854, the following rates and terms were adopted, viz:

\$2 50 per quarter for each scholar learning Geography, Reading, Writing, Davis's Primary Arithmetic, and first lessons in Geography.

\$2 00 per quarter for each scholar pursuing other English studies.

\$2 00 per quarter for French—extra.

No deduction made from bills except in cases of protracted illness.

The second quarter commences on the 26th of November 1854, and will end on the 10th of Feb., 1855, allowing one week of vacation about Christmas.

The above Institution is now fully organized with male and female Departments under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell.

The Trustees having procured competent and experienced Teachers, and having put the rates of tuition very low compared with similar schools, confidently recommend the Academy to the patronage of the public.

RICHARD SHAW, President of the Board, J. B. McNAULY, Secretary, Clearfield, August 24, 1854.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

W. J. BURNS, The Honourable JAMES BURNETT, Esq., President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the twenty-fifth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Clearfield, Clinton and Clinton—and the Honourable RICHARD SHAW and JOHN P. HOYT, Associate Judges in Clearfield county, have issued the present hearing date the twenty-fifth day of Sept., instant, to me, for the holding of the trial of the suit of James Perham, et al., vs. Wm. James on the south, James Miller on the east, and the Erie Pike on the north, with a small frame dwelling house, a carter shop, and a small plank stable thereto attached, being part of two larger surveys in the name of Christianus Miller and Wm. G. Miller, an improved or timbered land, situated in Boggs township, Clearfield county, to be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, and to be sold as the property of David D. Miller, deceased.

Also—All the right, title, interest and claim of Daniel M. Dugan, of and to a certain tract of land situated in Boggs township, Clearfield county, bounded on the east by Morris' land, on the west by lands of M. Minns and S. Clegg, on the south by lands of H. Clegg, and on the north by lands of H. Clegg, containing about two hundred acres, more or less, being part of two larger surveys in the name of Christianus Miller and Wm. G. Miller, an improved or timbered land, situated in Boggs township, Clearfield county, to be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, and to be sold as the property of David D. Miller, deceased.

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